

TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE
COMMERCE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
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My name is Jennifer Herz and I am Assistant Counsel for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 businesses throughout Connecticut and the vast majority of these are small companies employing less than 50 people.

I am submitting this testimony in support of **HB 5271 An Act Concerning Funding for the Advanced Manufacturing of Composite Materials in Connecticut**. CBIA supports this bill because it will help Connecticut's manufacturers continue to grow and innovate in our state.

As you know new technology continues to drive manufacturing and this sector is constantly evolving. This bill will support that continued innovation and growth by funding the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology through the Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development. Specifically, providing funding for the purchase of new equipment for composite materials will support the continued advancement and utilization of composite materials in Connecticut.

Connecticut's manufacturers are central to our economy and funding for new equipment only helps make them stronger. CBIA urges your support of HB 5271 because it will support innovation and growth in Connecticut's manufacturing economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer CBIA's comments.